

# CHURCH OF CHRIST HERESIES!

## **DANGER: Wolves in the Sheep Pen!**

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### Baptismal Regeneration?

Church of God followers do NOT believe in simple FAITH in Jesus Christ to be saved; on the contrary, they most definitely demand that BAPTISM be added for one to be saved. I spoke at length recently with a Church of God minister who earned his degree from the [Dallas Christian College](#). Dallas Christian College DOESN'T make it clear at all that they are indeed a *Church of Christ* college. Why are they deceptive about who they really are?



What are they afraid to tell people? Click on their "Our Mission" link and see if Church of Christ is mentioned. It is NOT! By all indications, many Christian people would ignorantly think this was a great college to attend, but it certainly is NOT! It looks innocent enough on the surface doesn't it? That's the disguise they want you to see.

I went to visit their website to read their statement of faith; as I suspected, it was vague. But as clever as the person tried to be who devised this statement of faith, it couldn't escape the discernment of a spirit-filled believer, knowledgeable in the Word of God. The following quote is taken from their statement of faith:

**"...the Church of the New Testament ought everywhere to be restored with its divine plan of admission: faith, repentance, and baptism..."**

Did you read that? Did you see the heresy? Is baptism necessary for admission into the Church? No sir! The very moment you trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, asking Him to forgive your sins and come into your heart, you have been born-again and are a member of the body of Christ. Any fool who tells you that you have to be baptized to become a member of the church is LYING to you! Isn't it something how misguided ministers will force you to get baptized to join THEIR church, but God accepts ANY repentant sinner into heaven.

You do NOT have to be affiliated with any church, religious group or denomination to go to Heaven. You just need Jesus! Jesus Himself proclaimed in John 14:6 that He is the ONLY way to God the Father. John 10:9 clearly declares that Jesus Christ is the DOOR by

which men and women enter into Heaven. John 6:40 teaches that the will of God is to **believe** on Christ. Salvation is simple, we are the SINNERS and Jesus is the SAVIOR.

As I spoke with this sincerely misguided minister, he explained the following order to me as being necessary for salvation:

1. HEAR
2. BELIEVE
3. REPENT
4. CONFESS
5. **BAPTISM (uh oh! This is damnable heresy!)**

Water baptism is NOT required for Biblical salvation!

“Repentance” is “a change of mind,” not a change of lifestyle. You DON'T have to stop committing sins to be saved, you need to acknowledge your sinnership. Who can give up all their sins? No one! If all sins had to be forsaken for salvation, then NO one could be saved because we are all sinners (Romans 3:23). A changed life is the FRUIT of genuine repentance; and not a part of the ROOT of saving faith. A man's faith is COUNTED for righteousness (Genesis 15:6; Romans 3:4-6).

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 that many who “confess” Him as Lord are not saved, because they have never done God's will (which is to believe on Jesus, John 6:40).

The wayward minister I witnessed to was adamant that water baptism is essential to salvation. This of course is a lie of the Devil. Though the man condemns Catholicism for their teaching of “works” salvation through the keeping of the Seven Sacraments, he is utterly blinded to his own foolish perceptions about baptism.

I flat out asked him what would happen to a person who made it to step 4, but didn't get baptized at step 5? He honestly replied that he did NOT know! He stressed the fact that he felt SAFER by ADDING that extra step of baptism to his faith. Unfortunately, that is a sure road to hell-fire and destruction.

***“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” —Proverb 14:12***

Faith in Christ ALONE equals salvation!

Faith in Christ PLUS anything equals hell!

If I said that I believed I could trust you with my money, that would NOT be faith (that would be optimism). If I entrust you with my money and ask someone to follow you (to keep an eye on you), that is NOT faith either. If I entrust you with my money and don't take ANY precautions whatsoever, that is 100% faith. To add baptism to faith is to add a "work" to faith; consequently, it is NO faith at all. You don't need much faith to be saved, you need "just enough" faith. You need JUST ENOUGH faith to obey Romans 10:13 and "call upon the name of the Lord."

If you have faith even as small as a grain of mustard seed (a VERY small seed indeed), that is all the faith you need. The AMOUNT of one's faith is not of importance for salvation, what is important is that you simply HAVE FAITH. Either you have 100% faith or you do not. The Church of Christ minister I was speaking with told me that he felt much safer by adding that extra step of baptism to his faith and repentance. How stupid! How foolish! How woefully ignorant is he of the Word of God. The Apostle Paul in 1st Corinthians 1:17 declared...

**"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel..." —1st Corinthians 1:17**

According to the Church of Christ minister, Paul was sent by Christ to TEACH the gospel, but not to actually do any of the REQUIRED baptism to be saved. He claims this was done to prevent division in the church. True, Paul didn't want to baptize any of them because of their immature quarreling; however, this had absolutely nothing to do with their salvation. Some of the believers in the Corinthian church were actually fighting over who baptized them. They were making an issue of a non-issue. Paul lays the issue to rest by proclaiming that CHRIST did NOT send him to baptize, but to preach the gospel. It is our FAITH in the gospel of Jesus that saves us, NOT baptism.

I could go on and on about why baptism is NOT necessary for salvation. No one in the Old Testament was ever baptized. These people who claim that the Old Testament is invalid are idiots. Of course, the law which was against us was indeed nailed to the cross. Yes, the Jewish ceremonial laws are gone. However, we are still expected by God to obey the [Nine Commandments](#) (NOT to be saved, but because we are saved and love Jesus). People in the Old Testament (old contract) were saved the SAME way people are saved today, BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS (Ephesians 2:8, 9). There is NO other way to be saved! It's Jesus or hell, turn or burn friend!

Don't let some misguided individual trick you into believing that baptism is essential for salvation. The Church of Christ minister claimed that since the New Testament didn't actually begin until Jesus died, that the thief on the cross didn't have to be baptized.

He is trying to say that there are TWO different plans of salvation (one for the OT and one for the NT).

He believes that water baptism was NOT required for Old Testament saints, but IS required for all New Testament saints. This is ludicrous and preposterous!!!! There is NO such teaching in the Bible. There has always been ONE and only one plan of salvation, and that is through the precious shed blood of our Dear Lord Jesus Christ! The Bible plainly teaches that Old Testaments saints were saved the same as New Testament saints...

Acts 10:43, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

Do you want to be saved? Then look upon Jesus! Isaiah 45:22, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

I asked the minister what would happen if an astronaut placed his faith in Christ while in outer space? Obviously he couldn't get water baptized in space! His answer was another mere, "I don't know." How pathetic!!! How can a man go to a supposed Bible college for four years and earn a degree in theology, just to tell me that he doesn't know how a person in outer space could be saved! I'll tell you why! Because the whole doctrine of baptismal regeneration is flawed and makes no Biblical sense. He might as well become a Lutheran or a Catholic to believe that garbage.

Baptismal regeneration is of the Devil. Jesus didn't baptize (John 4:2). In the book of Romans, water baptism is only mentioned briefly in chapter six. Paul NEVER makes any direct command to be baptized! Yet, Paul expresses in Romans 10:1 that it is his "HEARTS DESIRE" for the people to be saved. Paul wanted people to be saved, that is why he went publicly from house-to-house in Acts 20:20 to witness to people. We soul-winners call this the "Acts 20/20 vision." In other words, if your consumed about winning souls to Christ, then your seeing 20/20 as a Christian. Most believers are wearing blinders.

## No Rapture or Millennium?

The Church of Christ minister also said he DIDN'T believe in any type of rapture, but that the Lord would simply return and part the righteous from the wicked. We are clearly taught in God's Word that there will be a "departure" of the saints from this world; hence, the word rapture (which is not itself found in the Bible). The words of the Apostle Paul in 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 are as clear as can be. In the twinkling of an eye, the Lord WILL return.

Read it for yourself. Why can't people just take the Bible at face value? Why do they persist to read in-between the lines? Why do they seek for things that God has NOT placed in the Bible? Luke 17:36 is still in the King James Bible folks! Matthew 24:41 is still in the Bible! Two shall be, and one shall remain! This foolish minister also said he didn't believe there would be a Millennial reign of Christ. Revelation 20:1-6 speaks of the 1,000 year millennium.

The purpose of this article is NOT to get into depth of these individual Bible doctrines, but rather to expose the heretical teachings of the Church of Christ. A study of Biblical prophecy is beyond the scope of this article. The Bible is very clear concerning the departure of the saints from this world (the rapture) and of the Millennial reign of Christ from Jerusalem over the earth. Satan will be bound and imprisoned in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:3).

## No Eternal Security?

The Church of Christ minister also said that he believed a saved person COULD lose their salvation if they got away from fellowship with the Lord. I asked him if all Church of Christ followers believed the same doctrines he did and he affirmed, YES. He laughed in my face when I told him that the Bible was clear that a saved person could NEVER lose their salvation. I mean, Jesus told Nicodemus to be "born again," NOT born again and again and again and again! Revelation 3:20 is an invitation for us to open the door of our heart to allow the Lord Jesus to come in (John 14:23).

Church of Christ folks evidently have a problem with Christians who are less than perfect. The minister was perplexed when I told him that a Christian could commit murder and still be saved. He almost became angry. His problem is that he has a WRONG view of salvation (which is why I believe he is NOT really saved).

The Church of Christ has a wrong view of salvation! The truth is that we DO NOTHING to earn salvation! If we can't do any good works to get saved, then why would doing any bad works make us unsaved? I like that statement so I'll say it again...

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I did nothing to get saved of my own merit. All I did was place my faith in the Lord's work of atonement. It is Jesus Christ and what He did to pay for my sins that gets me into heaven, I had nothing to do with that. Salvation is OF GOD, not man! So then why in the world would anyone conclude that a person has to maintain a certain level of

fellowship or righteousness with God to keep one's salvation? It is no less than a WORKS religion!

The Church of Christ is ADDING works to simple faith in Christ! They teach that you MUST be baptized to be saved! They teach that you MUST keep coming back to the Lord (to get your salvation back) every time you get away from the Lord. Listen folks, there is NOTHING in the Bible which teaches that we can fall from grace as believers. When the Bible speaks of "[falling from grace](#)" it is simply talking about unsaved people who have rejected Christ.

Jesus is the ONLY way to heaven! If you reject Jesus, then you have missed your ONLY buss ticket to heaven. This is the only way to fall from God's grace.

You CANNOT lose your salvation!!! If someone is not saved now, then they never were to begin with. As a perfect analogy, I cannot change the relationship between my and my own child. I could disown my child (which I think is a horrible thing for ANY parent to do), but they would still be my child. Even if my child killed someone, the relationship doesn't change one bit -that is still my child and I am still their parent.

Such is this case with God! No matter what we do, we are God's children. If you would like to KNOW your saved, [Click Here](#).

## No Tears in Heaven?

More heresy! This Church of Christ minister said there will be no tears in heaven. Well, he is wrong! Over and over we are warned in the Bible to be careful how we live as believers because we each shall give account to God. We are commanded to [defraud not thy brother](#). There will be tears in heaven for those believers who lived for SELF and hurt other people while upon the earth.

The blood of our loved ones will be upon our hands if we have failed to witness to them. We can't force them to accept the truth, but we CAN love them and tell them the good news of Jesus Christ. There will be tears throughout the Millennium, but all tears shall be wiped away at the end, after the Great White Throne of Judgment. All former things will be passed away (Revelation 21:4). Being a Christian DOESN'T give us a license to sin.

Though our sins are under the blood and all is well between us and God as far as our sin debt, we must still make things right with those we have wronged. Salvation balances the scale of justice between us and God, but the scales of justice must also be balanced between us and those we have victimized or hurt in any way (Romans 12:19). The Judgment Seat of Christ is going to be a JUDGMENT only for believers, it is not going to

be a joyous time for most believers. There WILL be many tears.

## Heaven is Not a Physical Place?

I was really surprised when the Church of Christ minister told me that he didn't believe in heaven as a place. He believed that heaven was only a spiritual existence, NOT a literal place. I asked him about the streets of gold and the gates of pearl, he didn't believe they were literal. I asked him about the mansions which Jesus spoke of in John 14:1-2, he denied those also as being physical homes. I don't know what he's been smoking, but he sure needs to get with the program. He has been blinded by a false religion, sad but true.

In conclusion, I firmly DOUBT anyone's salvation who ADDS baptism to a childlike faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! I also sincerely doubt the salvation of any person who feels they have to live a certain way to keep their salvation (which is a big lie). The entire MINDSET is very different when you believe you are not eternally secure.

Just as the Muslims have no assurance of salvation, neither does the Church of Christ. I KNOW I am saved and NOTHING can take that from me. I CANNOT lose my salvation. So do I have a license to sin? Of course not! I don't want to sin because I still have to give account to God someday and I already have enough to answer for. I love God and want to please Him, but I fear Him equally so. I became a new creature when I was born-again. I don't live right to get saved, I live right because I am saved and God's Holy Spirit lives in my heart. My Bible says that I am saved and sure!

Your not just being safe by adding baptism to faith, your being stupid! I can say this because we are clearly warned throughout the Bible against adding anything to faith. Baptism is useless to get anyone saved. See Romans 11:6, Titus 3:5, and Romans 4:2. The bottom line is that Jesus Christ Himself did not make an issue of baptism! Read through the book of John and you'll discover that Jesus is the door, the way, the truth, the life, the resurrection, the light, the Good Shepherd...but not one mention is made of baptism! Not one!

The Church of Christ is a false religion, just as are the [Lutherans](#) and the [Seventh-Day Adventists](#)! ONLY through simple faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ can any sinner go to Heaven (1st Peter 1:18-19).

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